MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

	Neyyattinkara Taluk.		*Trivandrum Taluk.*	
	In 1106.	In 1107 up to 4-12-1107.	In 1106.	In 1107 up to 4-12-1107.
(*a*) Small-pox attacks.	332	300	1,280	790
(*b*) Deaths from small-pox.	112	89	241	137

(*c*) Extensive vaccination in the infected localities and disinfection wherever possible are carried on to prevent the spread of small-pox. Rules for compulsory vaccination in the taluks affected or threatened with small-pox were also passed recently.

G. O. re entertainment of unrepresented communities in the Anchal Department.

309. **MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued orders to the Anchal Superintendent to the effect that applicants from among any of the communities with a lesser representation in the public service, *viz.*, the Cheramars (Pulayas), Sambavars (Parayas), Kammalas, other depressed classes, Ezhavas and Muslims, should not be given clerks' posts in the department, if they have not passed the E. S. L. C. Examination; and

(*b*) if so, the communities in respect of which that order was given and the reasons for such an order?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Institution of a new Anchal Test Examination.

310. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is proposed to institute a new Anchal Test Examination for the employees of the Anchal Department of the State; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons which weighed with the authorities for proposing the same?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The rules for the present Anchal Departmental Examination were framed in 1921, when the pay of the staff of the department was very poor and qualified men could not be induced to join the department. Conditions have now changed. Even Masters of Arts and holders of B. A. (Hons.) degree are now applying for admission in the department, the minimum pay being raised to Rs. 20. Hence a revised scheme for the departmental examination suitable to the present day conditions is under consideration.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know the object with which the new examination is proposed?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is given in the answer to part (*b*).

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